

**New Hampshire Racing & Charitable Gaming Commission  
Commission Meeting  
Concord Office  
March 29, 2011  
11-04**

Present: Timothy J. Connors, Chairman  
Warren W. Leary, Secretary (via teleconference)  
Michael J. Gatsas, Member  
Lynn M. Presby, Member  
Anthony B. Urban, Member  
Paul M. Kelley, Director  
Sudhir K. Naik, Deputy Director  
Charles Saia, Legal Coordinator  
Steve Johnston, Supervisor Gaming Operations  
Billie Jean Arseneault, Gaming/Licensing Supervisor  
William Dewhurst, Sr. Auditor  
Shawn Graham, Auditor  
Linda Glaser, Auditor  
Linda Darrow, Administrative Secretary

In Attendance: Edward Callahan, Rick Newman, Jan DiMarzio, Dan Mullen, Shawn Flanagan, Dick Bouley, Tony Capone and others.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Commissioner Bernie Streeter was not in attendance due to a prior commitment.

On a motion by Commissioner Urban seconded by Commissioner Presby and unanimously voted to approve and place on file the Commission minutes dated March 10, 2011.

On a motion by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Presby and unanimously voted to accept and place on file the racing & charitable gaming statistics for the fiscal period ending March 20, 2011.

The Games of Chance warning letters/late financials spreadsheets were reviewed. Deputy Director Naik provided an update. He stated one response had not yet been received but was not due until Friday.

The Games of Chance State Revenue spreadsheets were reviewed. On a motion by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Gatsas and unanimously voted to accept them and place on file.

Legal Coordinator Saia provided a legislative update. Director Kelley provided an update on HB 2 - House Finance made several cuts to the agency budget including three positions, no money for new equipment/new vehicles, no dues payment to RCI, removal of the Boxing Commission from RCGC and classifying the agency as a general fund agency. Director Kelley stated he will be appearing before the Senate on the budget and asked the Commission for guidance on how they would like him to proceed on the matter. Discussion ensued. Chairman Connors, Commissioner Presby and Commissioner Gatsas spoke in favor of the budget as passed

by the House and recommended that due to the current economic conditions the agency should not request any changes or increases to the budget at the Senate hearings. Commissioner Presby enquired whether the agency was now classified as a dedicated fund as suggested by the Governor's budget model. Director Kelley indicated that the House has moved some funds back to the general fund as before. Commissioner Presby indicated that he would favor Director Kelley requesting the Senate to use the Governor's budget model with regards to the classification of the agency as a dedicated fund (sweepstakes fund). Director Kelley stated he would.

Action Items:

1. *Casino Game Rental Bond issue*: Letter was sent to surety company by Legal Coordinator Saia retaining bond.
2. *Bingo/Lucky 7 Bona Fide Charitable Member issues*: Work in progress. Update will be provided at the next meeting.

Tabled Items:

1. *Lavoie/Baillargeon bona fide membership status*: On a motion by Commissioner Gatsas, seconded by Commissioner Urban and unanimously voted to take this item off the table. Discussion ensued. Legal Coordinator Saia will send a letter to Ms. Lavoie/Ms. Baillargeon requesting proof of their 2010 NEAAU membership be provided to this office within 30 days; otherwise, this item will be removed from the agenda. On a motion by Commissioner Gatsas, seconded by Commissioner Urban and unanimously voted to table this item for 30 days.
2. *EPT request for extension*: Copies of a letter from Mr. Glenn McCrory, President of Eastern Poker Tour were handed out, providing a summary of the EPT's first full season in NH. Attorney Mullen addressed the Commission, asking for an extension of EPT's Game Operator/Employer license to December 31, 2011 (currently set to expire March 31, 2011). Mr. Callahan of Rockingham Park summarized the final EPT tournament and will notify the Commission when the date of airing on the sports channel is announced. He will also provide the Commission with a DVD copy. He will submit a written explanation outlining what Rockingham Park anticipates for EPT's next tournament. On a motion by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Gatsas and unanimously voted to approve the extension in concept in order to allow the process to move forward; EPT's current bond to be renewed to December 31, 2011.

Correspondence:

Director Kelley mentioned Hampton Lions Club letter of appreciation for Ms. Arseneault's assistance in helping them prepare their organization's paperwork. He pointed out that this letter was not the exception but one of many that have been received over time praising Ms. Arseneault for helping organizations with their paperwork.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Staff previously met with representatives from the Lodge at Belmont regarding modification of a current game. A Belmont Bad Beat Tournaments handout was provided outlining the objectives of the game. Director Kelley stated this game meets all rule requirements and will increase revenue to the State. Discussion ensued. On a motion by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Gatsas and unanimously voted to approve in concept and require the following: monthly reports from the Lodge on the Bad Beat Tournament jackpot; the jackpot

money will be kept in a separate account; a plan on file outlining how the jackpot money will be dispersed if stoppage of play occurs for any reason.

Facility License issue: Even though the Game Operator License for Casino Game Rental has been revoked, the GOC Facility Hall License for Lochmere Golf Course in Tilton is currently issued in Casino Game Rental's name. Atlantic Gaming LLC has expressed interest in operating games of chance at this location. On a motion by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Gatsas and unanimously voted to declare the current Facility Hall License issued in Casino Game Rental's name null and void and revoke same as of today's date.

At 11:35 a.m., on a motion by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Presby and by a unanimous roll call vote the Commission voted to adjourn the regular meeting, take a short break, and go into nonpublic session.

Connors	-	Yes
Leary	-	Yes
Gatsas	-	Yes
Presby	-	Yes
Urban	-	Yes

At 12:25 p.m., on a motion by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Gatsas and by a unanimous roll call vote the Commission voted to come out of the nonpublic session, and permanently seal the nonpublic minutes.

Connors	-	Yes
Leary	-	Yes
Gatsas	-	Yes
Presby	-	Yes
Urban	-	Yes

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 26, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. in Pharmacy Board's conference room at 57 Regional Drive. The Chairman closed the public meeting at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Warren W. Leary, Jr.  
Secretary